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SUBJECT: WORKING VISIT OF VICE PRESIDENT-ELECT MONDALE TO  
EUROPE AND JAPAN:PROPOSAL PRESIDENTIAL LETTER

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1. THERE FOLLOWS A PROPOSED PRESIDENTIAL LETTER FOR  
DELIVERY BY VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE TO ITALIAN PRESIDENT  
LEONE:

2. BEGIN QUOTE.

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE CARRIES WITH HIM TO ROME  
MY PERSONAL GREETINGS AND BEST WISHES TO YOU AND  
TO THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF ITALY. WE CAN NEVER  
FORGET HOW MUCH ITALIANS AND AMERICANS HOLD IN COMMON.  
THE ITALIAN ROOTS OF OUR PRECIOUS WESTERN CULTURAL  
HERITAGE GIVE SPECIAL SIGNIFICANCE TO OUR RELATIONSHIP,  
AND TO THIS FIRST VISIT TO YOUR BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY BY  
MY MOST SENIOR COLLABORATOR.

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AS YOU KNOW, MR. PRESIDENT, I BELIEVE IT IS A  
MATTER OF THE HIGHEST PRIORITY THAT MY ASSOCIATES AND  
I BECOME PERSONALLY ACQUAINTED, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE,  
WITH THE VIEWS AND ATTITUDES OF OUR CLOSEST FRIENDS.  
THAT IS WHY VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE HAS UNDERTAKEN  
HIS MISSION IMMEDIATELY AFTER OUR INQUIGATION. HIS

EXCHANGES WITH OUR WESTERN EUROPEAN AND JAPANESE FRIENDS AND ALLIES WILL CONTRIBUTE IN IMPORTANT WAYS TO OUR OBJECTIVE OF FINDING SOLUTIONS TO COMMON PROBLEMS AND WAYS IN WHICH WE CAN REAFFIRM THE SOLIDARITY OF OUR PARTNERSHIP THROUGH THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION AND THROUGH ECONOMIC MEANS.

AS WE OF MY GOVERNMENT BEGIN OUR WORK-- AND AS WE AMERICANS SIMULTANEOUSLY COMMENCE OUR THIRTD CENTURY AS A DEMOCRATIC NATION--I WISH TO ASSURE YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, OF OUR CONTINUING RESOLVE TO MAINTAIN AND TO STRENGTHEN THE TRADITIONAL FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN OUR PEOPLES AND TO REAFFIRM THE VALUES OF PEACE AND FREEDOM THAT ARE SO FUNDAMENTAL TO EVERY PERSON.

PLEASE ACCEPT, FROM MY WIFE AND ME, WARM REGARDS TO YOU AND MRS. LEONE. END QUOTE. VOLPE

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